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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-317-C - ORDER NO. 96-821

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NOVEMBER 26, 1996

IN RE: Request of Lockhart Telephone Company        ) ORDER  
          for Approval of Retirement of Obsolete       ) GRANTING  
          Equipment.                                    ) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Lockhart Telephone Company (Lockhart) for the approval of an extraordinary retirement of certain obsolete electromechanical central office equipment. This equipment is no longer in use. Lockhart furnished a schedule of the equipment to be retired from its central office. Lockhart has requested a five (5) year extraordinary retirement schedule. Normally, Lockhart would depreciate this equipment over a 15.5 year period.

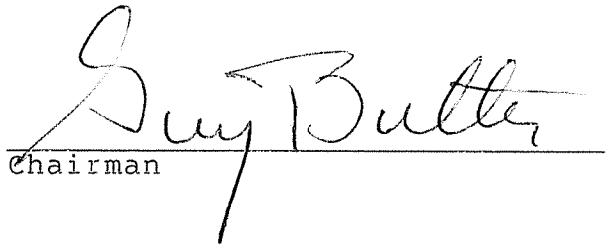
The Commission's Executive Director instructed Lockhart to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the Company's Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. The Company complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Petitions to Intervene or letters of protest regarding Lockhart's

Application were received by the Commission.

The Commission has examined this matter and agrees that the extraordinary retirement as proposed is appropriate, given the obsolete nature of the equipment under consideration. Therefore, the Company's request is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy Executive Director  
(SEAL)